

REMARKS

Regarding the Examiners formal objection to the claims, Applicant notes that the reference to the filter being disposed in a valve or pipe structure vis-à-vis pipe passage structure is not inconsistent, because the pipe passage structure is a part of the larger valve or pump structure.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 4, and 7-11 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations from the claims upon which they depend. Therefore, claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have been rewritten as independent claims 13-18, respectively. Claim 11 has been amended to depend upon new claim 18, which claim includes the limitations of previous claim 10. The remaining claims have been cancelled.

Included with this response is a check for \$600 in payment of the fourth, fifth, and sixth independent claims. Should this payment involve a shortfall or overpayment in the fees, authorization is hereby given to debit or credit deposit account 04-2219 accordingly referencing our docket number 13577.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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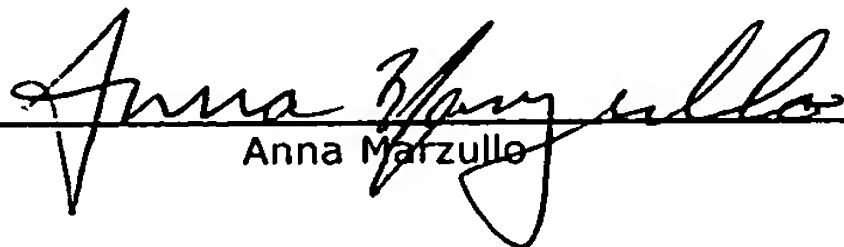
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